

## American Literature Vocabulary Unit #1

Define the following words AND write a creative sentence of your own using that word in a sentence in which the meaning of the vocab word is clear.

1. Admonish:

2. Breach:

3. Commandeer:

4. Cumbersome:

5. Debris:

6. Diffuse:

7. Dilemma:

8. Efface:

9. Muddle:

10. Perennial:

Complete the sentences:

1. I added a few drops of food coloring to the liquid and watched as they slowly \_\_\_\_\_ through it.
2. The water pouring through the \_\_\_\_\_ in the dam threatened to flood the entire valley.
3. Many a teenager's room is strewn with clothing, CDs and all sorts of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The records of our club were in such a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that we couldn't even determine which members had paid their dues.
5. In order to capture the fleeing criminals, the police \_\_\_\_\_ our car and raced after the vanishing truck.
6. Though my memory is getting dimmer and dimmer with the slow passage of time, I doubt that the exciting events of my childhood will ever be totally \_\_\_\_\_ from my mind.
7. The rug made such a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ bundle that it took four of us to carry it up the stairs.
8. Since we don't want to replace the plants in our garden every year, we favor \_\_\_\_\_ over annuals.
9. If I don't get a job, I won't have the money to do what I want; and if I do get a job, I won't have the time. What a(n) \_\_\_\_\_!
10. The nurse rushed into the hospital corridor to \_\_\_\_\_ the visitors who were creating a disturbance.

Write the vocabulary word for the synonym

1. to requisition: \_\_\_\_\_
2. rambling, spread: \_\_\_\_\_
3. obliterate by erosion: \_\_\_\_\_
4. slow moving, difficult: \_\_\_\_\_
5. predicament: \_\_\_\_\_

Write the vocabulary word for the antonym

1. stagnant, not recurring: \_\_\_\_\_
2. clean, clear: \_\_\_\_\_
3. connection, upholding: \_\_\_\_\_
4. treasure, cleanliness: \_\_\_\_\_
5. to praise, to admire: \_\_\_\_\_

Etymology: Pick 5 words and research the etymology of the word (the origin of it). Include the word, what word(s) it stemmed from, what that word meant, and first usage.

1. \_\_\_\_\_: Stemmed from : \_\_\_\_\_

Word meant: \_\_\_\_\_ First usage: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_: Stemmed from : \_\_\_\_\_

Word meant: \_\_\_\_\_ First usage: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_: Stemmed from : \_\_\_\_\_

Word meant: \_\_\_\_\_ First usage: \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_: Stemmed from : \_\_\_\_\_

Word meant: \_\_\_\_\_ First usage: \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_: Stemmed from : \_\_\_\_\_

Word meant: \_\_\_\_\_ First usage: \_\_\_\_\_